

SUBJECTS.

however, I have already said that action is being taken with regard to them.

PADMANABHAPURAM DIVISION.**TOVALA TALUK.****95. Tovala High level channel.**

Mr. S. Ramasubramonia Iyer (Member, Agricultural Improvement Association, Nagercoil) said that the people of Nanjanad felt highly thankful to His Highness' Government for having sanctioned the opening of the Tovala channel, and to the Chief Engineer and his officers for the excavation of the first 9 miles within the short period of six months, and prayed for the completion of the channel by the close of the year 1934. It was the most useful of all the channels proposed to be opened in connection with the Kodayar Project, as it was calculated to avert the constant failure of crops in about 7,000 acres of wet land and bring under cultivation 18,000 acres of dry land.

Dewan's reply.—The work is under execution.

96. Land measure adopted at Settlement.

Mr. S. Shunmukham Pillai said that the land measure adopted at the Nanjanad settlement contravened the Royal Proclamation of the year 1061 M. E., and that the excess tax based on that standard should be reduced.

Dewan's reply.—The settlement of Nanjanad was completed ten years ago. Government are not prepared to re-open it now.

AGASTISVARAM TALUK.**97. Grazing grounds for villages.**

Mr. K. N. Velayudhaperumal Pillai requested that grazing grounds be provided for the several villages in the Agastisvaram Taluk.

Dewan's reply.—As already stated in answer to one of the general questions, the question of grazing grounds is under consideration.

98. Tamil in primary schools.

Mr. K. C. Vairavanatha Pillai requested that Tamil be made the chief, and Malayalam the accessory language in the primary schools in Nanjanad. He said that Tamil was the mother-tongue of the people in Nanjanad, the language in which they spoke and wrote and in which Sirkar accounts were being kept. Tamil was not being taught in primary schools, and the young men left school without any knowledge of their own language or of Malayalam.

Dewan's reply.—It is open to the people to open private schools of their own, which will be recognised by